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# ***On Tap***

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## **A New Way of Life - Water Conservation**

As we conclude 2009, it becomes more evident every day to the individuals involved in the water supply industry that the water supply problem isn't going to resolve itself anytime soon, perhaps never.

While the State Legislature and Governor are very much aware of the critical need for a reliable water supply to Southern California, the solution is very complex. Many diverse interests must be addressed, most notably the environmental and farm industries, as well as a clear outline of how any infrastructure improvements to supply water to Southern California will be paid. At the time of this writing, it appears a water bond, receiving support at the State level, will appear on a ballot sometime in 2010.

Even if passed, this proposed solution will take years to implement. So in the meantime, water supply to Southern California continues to be a major issue on the forefront.

What this means to all of us is a serious evaluation about how we use water, at home, school, and work, in an effort to conserve water. The water we save today may be the water that is available for use tomorrow.

### **A Year End Success for TCWD**

In November, the Board of Directors awarded the Well Upgrade project to R. C. Foster Corporation in the amount of \$3,112,465. This project will begin in January of 2010. The Well Upgrade

Project will permit the District to use local water, when available, for many, many years to come. At a time when the increasing cost of water appears to loom endlessly on the horizon, having the ability to use local water which results from even modest seasonal rains, is a wonderful asset for the District to have.

A special thanks is in order for the canyon residents who live nearby the wells. Their support and interest in the project was invaluable. Because of their input, the Board of Directors and staff believe this will not only be an upgrade to functional aspect of the wells, but also a facility that blends with the canyon community. See the July 2009 issue of ON TAP for more information about this project.

### **Credit Card Payments**

Yes, TCWD does accept credit and debit card payments, both over the phone and in person at the Customer Service office. This appears to be a valuable service for customers who may have forgotten to make a payment.

### **A Reminder about Local Rain**

If we are fortunate, we receive local rain beginning in November, and it can last through May. This rain certainly helps, but it doesn't mean the drought is over. In fact, the local rain should be a reminder to all of us to check our irrigation sprinkler timers. Grass and plants can do very well with local rain and the local rain greatly re-

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duces sprinkler irrigation water.

Please be reminded the District does have as part of its Water Conservation Ordinance the permanent prohibition of landscape irrigation during a rainfall event.

You can review the District's Water Conservation Ordinance at the District's Website: [www.tcwd.ca.gov](http://www.tcwd.ca.gov)

## Dove Lake Update

If you live near Dove Lake, or visit near the lake either in the Dove Canyon Community or the County Hiking Trails (Bell Canyon Trail), you may have noticed a change in appearance of the water and a mild odor of rotten eggs. This is a condition known as a "lake turnover" when a change in seasonal temperature causes the deep water of the lake to rise to the top. This is a natural phenomena and the condition lasted for about three weeks.

While the odor event was very, very mild, the Board of Directors and staff of TCWD would like to extend a thank you for the community's understanding of this occurrence.

For more information, please visit the District's Website: [www.tcwd.ca.gov](http://www.tcwd.ca.gov)

**BEST WISHES FOR A HAPPY HOLIDAY SEASON FROM THE BOARD AND STAFF OF TRABUCO CANYON WATER DISTRICT**

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The Regular Board Meeting is held on the third Wednesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at the District's office located at 32003 Dove Canyon Drive, Trabuco Canyon. The public is encouraged to attend.

## Board Highlights

- November 7, 2009 – Reviewed information relating to the Baker Regional Water Treatment Plant Facility and Investments Relating to Community Facilities Districts
- November 18, 2009 – Held a Public Hearing concerning the Interim Ad Valorem Property Tax Diversion Meter Charge and adopted the charge effective January 1, 2010
- Held a Public Hearing concerning the Water Reliability and Emergency Storage Meter Charge and adopted the charge effective January 1, 2010
- Received status updates regarding water conservation efforts, the Baker Regional Water Treatment Plant, and the Rose Canyon and Lang Wells Upgrades to Facilities
- Received a presentation relating to Dove Lake water quality management
- November 23, 2009 – Awarded the construction of the Rose Canyon and Lang Wells Groundwater Treatment Facility

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